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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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the specification of which

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- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on 11 February 2004
as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/777,018.
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and (if applicable) was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§ 1.56(a) and (b), which state:

"(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability that is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practised or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code, § 119 and/or § 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing of this application:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, CHEN Jingsheng; WANG Jian-Ping have invented Thin Film Magnetic Recording Media for which application for a patent is about to be filed in the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Agency for Science, Technology And Research, whose full post office address is 20 Biopolis Way, #07-01 Centros, Singapore 138668, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

AND WHEREAS, the serial number and filing date of the U.S. application, when assigned, should be entered here following:

Serial No.: 10/777,018

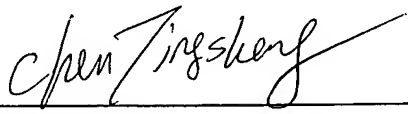
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NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, CHEN Jingsheng; WANG Jian-Ping, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer, and do hereby confirm the sale, assignment and transfer, unto Agency for Science, Technology And Research the full and exclusive right for the United States of America and all other countries foreign thereto, in and to the said invention, as described in the said application, the declaration for which is being signed concurrently herewith; said invention, said application, any other applications for Letters Patent for said invention, and all Letters Patent issuing from such applications, to be held and enjoyed by the said Agency for Science, Technology And Research, for their own use and behoof, and for their legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

We, CHEN Jingsheng; WANG Jian-Ping, undertake to sign such further documents to effect the aforesaid sale, transfer and assignment as may be required from time to time, without reimbursement, but at the expense of Agency for Science, Technology And Research.

The serial number and filing date of the said application not yet having been assigned, we, CHEN Jingsheng; WANG Jian-Ping, hereby authorize the entry of the serial number and filing date in the recitations of this assignment for the purposes of identification.

WITNESS my hand at Data storage Institute, this 6 day of Feb., 2004.



CHEN Jingsheng

WITNESS my hand at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2004.

WANG Jian-Ping

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WITNESS my hand at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2004.

CHEN Jingsheng

WITNESS my hand at University of Minnesota, this 17 day of Feb, 2004.



WANG Jian-Ping



POWER OF ATTORNEY

Agency for Science, Technology and Research, assignee of the application for United States Letters Patent for Thin Film Magnetic Recording Media invented by CHEN Jingsheng; WANG Jian-Ping

☐ filed herewith, or
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a copy of the assignment of which is attached hereto, does hereby appoint as attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I, the undersigned, declare that I am the (an) assignee of the above-identified application or, if the assignee is a corporation, partnership or other association, I am authorized to make this appointment on behalf of the assignee and I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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